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# RICHMOND LAW

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A man in a dark suit and black shoes is walking away from the camera, carrying a black leather briefcase. He is entering a large, brightly lit courtroom through a wide doorway. The courtroom features a judge's bench at the far end, flanked by an American flag and a blue state flag. Rows of red upholstered chairs are arranged on either side of a central aisle. The floor is covered in a grey carpet. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows cast on the carpet.

## From classroom to courtroom

*Students find direction  
through clinic experiences*



## Dean's letter

### Welcome to our team



Not long before this issue of *Richmond Law* went to press, President Ayers announced that Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine will join the University faculty when he leaves the Executive Mansion in January. Exemplifying the interdisciplinary quality of teaching and learning here at Richmond, Governor Kaine will teach both law students and undergraduates, spending spring semesters at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and fall semesters here at the Law School. Governor Kaine is no stranger to our Law School. He taught "Professional Responsibility" here before entering public life. Our students, staff, and faculty are thrilled to welcome him back. This Law School has a long tradition of educating lawyers for service in national, state and local government, in legislatures, in executive agencies and in the judiciary. It is hard to imagine anyone better equipped than Governor Kaine to train the next generation of lawyers for those roles.

In early November, I had the pleasure of joining members of the Class of 2009 as they were formally admitted to the bar. It was an occasion for celebration with friends, family and classmates. Not surprisingly, jobs were the principal topic of conversation. I was pleased to hear so many stories of success in the face of extraordinarily difficult economic times. Our gradu-

ates deserve a lot of credit. They are a hard working, resourceful and resilient group.

To a person, each had a story that reflected the contributions of the team that surrounds them here at Richmond. They spoke of the dedication and creativity of the folks in our Career Services Office. They recounted efforts by our faculty and our alumni who offered time, advice, and professional contacts to promote opportunities. Many spoke of summer public-interest jobs as pathways that matured into career opportunities, summer opportunities they could not have pursued without stipends made possible by the generous support of alumni and friends.

In the face of challenging times it is gratifying to serve on the Richmond team: to see how the dedication of our staff and faculty and the generosity of our alumni come together to create opportunity for our students. Thank you all for your remarkable efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Douglass". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "J" and "D".

John G. Douglass  
Dean of the Law School



# LAW WEEKEND 2009

*One weekend in October, alumni and members of the Law School's extended family gathered for professional development, visits to campus, and to reunite with former classmates, colleagues and friends. Among this year's more festive events was the class of 1989 reunion, held at the home of John and Julie Walker, pictured above.*



Reunions: (From top left) Members of the Class of 2004 met at the home of Brent and Carole Timberlake. Shown are Kim Wilkins, L'04, Carter Tatum, L'04, Eli and Miller Tatum. Melissa Callaway, Doug Callaway, R'77 and L'80, David Morganstein, L'12 and Brandon Jaycox, L'12. (From bottom left) Joseph Martin, L'12, Jen Kumar, L'12, and Craig Ellis, L'12. Jacqueline Ford, L'97, Russell Stone Jr., L'89, Aileen Tucker, L'00, Jack Daniel, L'07, Judge Greg Carr, L'89, and Cary Bowen, L'77.



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Richmond Law student  
Jason Seiden, L'10, enters  
the courtroom at the  
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*Photo by Chris Ijams*

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A look at the people, events, and issues making news at the Law School



## Governor Kaine to teach at Law School

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine will be back on campus to teach at the Law School and the University's Jepson School of Leadership Studies when his term ends this month.

A Harvard law graduate who also has served as Richmond's mayor and Virginia's lieutenant governor, Kaine also is chair of the Democratic National Committee. Before seeking public office, he taught law at Richmond, including courses in professional responsibility.

"I have always been a believer in the power of education, and I am thrilled to be rejoining the faculty of the University of Richmond this coming semester," Kaine said. "I look forward to contributing to the next generation of legal scholars and leaders, while helping the University of Richmond advance The Richmond Promise."

"Our law school has a long tradition of educating lawyers for service in national, state and local government, in legislatures, in executive agencies, and in the judiciary," said John G. Douglass, dean of the Law School. Kaine offers "experience in government and politics that will bring

to life our students' exploration of executive decision-making, legislative process, and public policy issues that shape the formation and interpretation of law."

"Tim Kaine had an outstanding career as a practitioner, especially as a civil rights lawyer, before his years in politics," Douglass said. "His broad understanding of law and his legal craftsmanship will make him an effective teacher and role model for our students."

During his law school years, Kaine served for a year as a missionary in Honduras and speaks Spanish. He is married to Anne Holton, a former Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judge and activist on behalf of families and children. She is the daughter of former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton. Anne Holton clerked for the late Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr., L'42 and H'76.

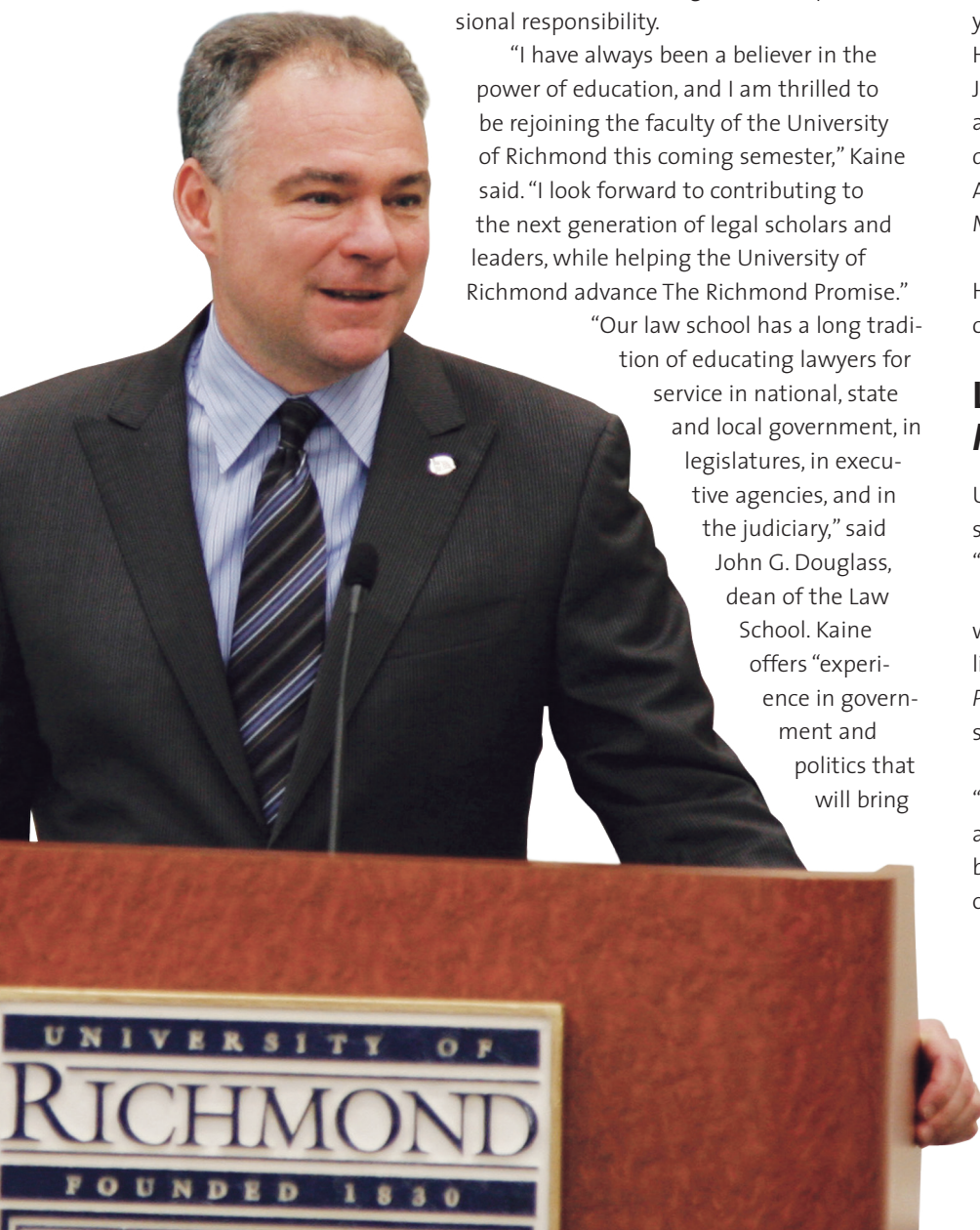
Kaine's appointment is part-time, without tenure. He will teach one course this spring at Jepson, and a course at the Law School in the fall.

### Law School listed in *Princeton Review's* 'best'

University of Richmond School of Law has been selected for the 2010 edition of *The Princeton Review's* "Best 172 Law Schools."

The book contains two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups and ratings of their academics, student life, admissions and career placement services. *The Princeton Review* bases ratings and profiles largely on surveys of students about their own law schools.

Richmond law students praised their school for its "friendly" and "family-like" atmosphere and approachable faculty. "The open dialogue among students and between students and professors is truly special," said one student.



Kaine will teach at the Law School in the fall.





Students in Richmond, China join in video conference.

## Fulbright experience leads to international exchange on treaty

Students from the Law School and University undergraduates joined peers at nine universities in Hong Kong and elsewhere in China this fall for a Copenhagen Climate Change Simulation, tracking international talks that took place in Denmark in December.

Joel B. Eisen, a professor of law who recently returned to Richmond after a Fulbright fellowship in China, organized the videoconference exchange with assistance from Carl Hamm, the law library's multimedia technician.

Over two days, student teams representing nations from around the world negotiated a draft international treaty on global warming. The sessions coincided with the run-up to the international talks. Michael DeGolyer, a professor at Hong Kong Baptist University, co-chaired the event.

Students in the Law School's "Law of Global Warming" course represented the United States. During the semester, students researched and formulated positions for the proposed climate change agreement. The students then crafted a unified American position and negotiated on a draft treaty.

In the first session, Eisen gave a

keynote lecture titled "From Kyoto to Copenhagen: The U.N. Treaty Process on Climate Change." Students met their Asian counterparts over the Internet, and heard a Hong Kong view on climate change from Dr. Glenn Shive, director of Hong Kong's Fulbright program, and DeGolyer. They also learned the "Business Perspective on Climate Change" from Janice Lao of Cathay Pacific Airlines. The students caucused by e-mail and formed alliances to reflect real world dynamics.

At their final session, the student negotiators hammered out a treaty.

Undergraduate students in Eisen's "Environmental Law and Policy" course observed the negotiations and completed papers on individual nations' positions in climate negotiations. Laura Horne-Popp, librarian at the Boatwright Library, assisted students.

The students found the exercise to be rewarding. Garland Carr, a second-year law student, said, "I have come to appreciate the role that compromise must play for Copenhagen to result in an international treaty that binds nations in a meaningful way and truly addresses the concerns of global warming."

Shive said the exchange was "exactly what we like to see from Fulbright when a scholar goes abroad, returns to the U.S., and involves his students in the exchange."

## AWARD

## Margolin honored for serving youth



Dale S. Margolin

Dale S. Margolin, director of the Law School's Jeanette Lipman Family Law Clinic, was awarded the "FACES Empowerment Award." She was recognized for her work on behalf of youth aging out of foster care, the education of the community through the Greater Richmond Housing Summit, and her efforts to represent youth through the clinic.

FACES of Virginia Families ([facesofvirginia.org](http://facesofvirginia.org)) is a nonprofit organization for foster, adoptive and kinship families and others who support advocacy efforts in Virginia. The organization presented the award to Margolin in September.

Dean John G. Douglass said Margolin "has built a family law clinic where the next generation of lawyers and social workers can learn together while offering services that clients can't find anywhere else. Her work demonstrates how much can be accomplished when professional training and community service go hand in hand."

At the clinic, which has been open less than a year at UR Downtown, Richmond law students help provide legal assistance to families and children.

"This award is extraordinarily meaningful to me because my entire legal career has been dedicated to the plight of youth aging out of foster care," Margolin said.

RECOGNITION

## Law foundation names 2010 fellows



Dean John G. Douglass

The Virginia Law Foundation has selected Dean John G. Douglass and four Law School alumni among its latest class of fellows, the organization announced in November. The fellows will be inducted at the foundation's meeting in Williamsburg Jan. 21.

Along with Douglass, the foundation named as fellows: Michael HuYoung, L'82, of Barnes and Diehl, Richmond; Margaret A. Nelson, L'87, a sole practitioner in Lynchburg; Michael L. Rigsby, L'69, sole practitioner, Richmond; and Russell W. Updike, L'90, Wilson Updike and Nicely, Covington.

Winners of the fellowships are selected for excellence in the profession. They must have been active or associate members of the Virginia State Bar for at least 10 years, residents of Virginia, persons of character and integrity who have maintained the highest standards of the profession, outstanding members of the community, and distinguished in the practice of law.

The foundation, which was founded in 1974 by the state bar and the Virginia Bar Association, serves as the non-profit vehicle for Virginia lawyers seeking to improve the administration of justice and promote the rule of law throughout Virginia.

## 'Catonsville Nine' brings 1960's case to modern audience

The Actor's Gang and the actor and activist Tim Robbins brought a theatrical piece from the Vietnam era to audiences here in September with performances of *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine*.

The two-day run, which included workshops for students, raised old questions that echo in modern times about conscience, patriotism, religious conviction and, ultimately, the conflict that sometimes arises between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law.

The play, which was performed at the Modlin Center for the Arts, was sponsored by the Law School's 22nd annual Emanuel Emroch Lecture series. Robbins, an Academy-Award-winning actor who starred in *The Shawshank Redemption* and *Mystic River*, is artistic director of The Actors' Gang.

*The Catonsville Nine* is largely a re-enactment of portions of the trial of brothers and priests Daniel and Philip Berrigan, and seven other anti-war protestors who were convicted in 1968 of destroying draft files outside a Selective Service office in Maryland. Daniel

Berrigan wrote the play using transcripts from the trial.

The play resonates with today's audiences with its focus on questions about unpopular wars, civil protests and disobedience, and the relative value of religious convictions and the law.

At one point in the play, Daniel Berrigan says to the court, "It is our souls that brought us here," to which the judge in the trial responds, "I am proud of the rule of law in this country."

Following the play, Robbins and the cast gathered onstage, and audience members were invited down front to engage in a talkback session that went on for about 45 minutes.

Much of the discussion focused on America's ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the roles that government officials and the media have played in those conflicts. The actors and audience also discussed the difference between public protests like those in which the Berrigans participated and today's internet culture.

Robbins cautioned against pessimism, pointing out that a global protest against the Iraq invasion spread via the Internet.

"I have hope for this generation," he said.



Tim Robbins (center), actors field questions.



## Different approaches to same sex parents raise legal issues

Same sex couples in the United States are raising more than 280,000 children, statistics show, and with the varied state approaches to these partnerships, legal complications are going to arise.

Beginning with that scenario, Joan H. Hollinger, a leading scholar on adoption law from the University of California Berkeley School of Law, kicked off the discussion during the second National Family Law Symposium: State of the Family 2009. The symposium, which was sponsored by the University's National Center for Family Law, drew more than 100 family law practitioners, judges, professors, mental health professionals, students and others to the Jepson Alumni Center in September.

"It's very complicated and very interesting," Hollinger said.

"This may be the issue of our times," said Robert G. Spector of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. "These questions will affect all our work over the next decade or more."

Cases like the long running Miller-Jenkins custody dispute involving women who married in Vermont, had a daughter by artificial insemination while living in Virginia, and later ended their union with a well-publicized custody battle, are likely to become more common, Hollinger said.

The discussion also touched on issues including same sex adoption, assisted reproduction, transgender parents, surrogacy agreements, and the rights of biological parents.

Adoption, even in cases where one parent is the child's biological father or

mother, can help clarify legal questions, Spector said. But "if your marriage isn't recognized in other states, you might want to stay home."

"One thing I know," Spector said. "These issues are coming to a law office near you soon."



Joan H. Hollinger

In addition to discussion of same-sex family issues, the symposium included sessions on disputes involving relocation of children in divorces and the Model Relocation Act. There were discussions of interstate child support enforcement, international child custody disputes, issues related to military family law, and family law ethics.

## Technology aids fight against domestic abuse

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) are a popular convenience that authorities are turning into an effective tool in the battle against domestic violence.

Diane Rosenfeld, lecturer at Harvard Law School, said here in October that law enforcement officials are using GPS technology to monitor individuals under protective orders in domestic abuse cases. And the technology may help lift the burden that often falls on victims in those cases.

Rosenfeld delivered the annual Austin Owen Lecture to kick off the Law School's Fall Gathering weekend. Her topic was "What Have We Learned? A Reality-based Approach to Addressing Domestic Violence Through the Law." It was co-sponsored by the Law School's *Journal of Law and the Public Interest*, and the National Center for Family Law.

Introducing Rosenfeld, Corinna Barrett Lain, professor at the Law School and a former prosecutor, cited statistics on the damage domestic violence does in American society: One in four women

## DEBATE

## 'Evil twins' debate what's patentable



Jay Thomas

More industries are filing and obtaining patents in the United States, raising new and complicated questions.

With that serious subject in mind, Jay Thomas, professor at Georgetown Law Center, and John Duffy, professor at George Washington University Law School, took sides in the third Evil Twin Debate sponsored by the Law School's Intellectual Property Institute. Professor Chris Cotropia served as moderator and introduced the participants in the program, which encourages scholars to discuss serious subjects in a light-hearted tone.

The topic was "*Bilski* and Patentable Subject Matter: Method or Madness?" *Bilski v. Kappos* is a highly anticipated patent case argued in November before the U.S. Supreme Court. It addresses whether certain business methods should be eligible for patent protection. The outcome of *Bilski* could have far-reaching implications for those in the business of innovating and for the economy as a whole.

Major universities study financial engineering, Duffy said. This is a new field that involves technology that should be patentable.

In response, Thomas argued that patents on such methods may impose dangerous restraints on innovation and business development.

## SYMPOSIUM

## Pro bono center focuses on poverty



Experts from Richmond and Southwest Virginia joined in discussions of poverty in October during a week of activities marking the first National Pro Bono Celebration. The University's downtown center, which houses the Law School's Harry L. Carrico Pro Bono Center, was the site of many of the events.

A photography exhibit titled "Through Different Eyes: The Faces of Poverty in Virginia," helped shed light on social justice issues arising from poverty. The program was sponsored by the University's Richmond Families Initiative and the Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC).

A panel dealing with urban and rural poverty used the photographs to put faces on complex issues. Panelists included Doug Hicks, professor of leadership studies and religion at the University; Jeffrey Allison, Paul Mellon Collection educator at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and John Whitfield, executive director of Blue Ridge Legal Services. Jay Speer, executive director of VPLC, was moderator.

Tara L. Casey, director of the Carrico center, said, "We hope to use this event as an opportunity to showcase the work students as well as attorneys do, and also to encourage others to join the team."

experience such violence in their lifetime; a third of female homicide victims die at the hands of domestic partners; and domestic violence costs society almost \$6 billion a year including \$4.1 billion in medical services.

Fifty percent of protective orders are violated, Lain said. "It is a problem of epic proportions."



**Diane Rosenfeld**

Rosenfeld described domestic homicide as "so predictable as to be preventable. There are always warning signs." Authorities can identify high-risk cases, require GPS monitors, and keep abusers away from likely victims.

Almost as importantly, Rosenfeld said, the effective use of GPS is changing "the distribution of rights in domestic violence situations." In the past, women victims often had to seek shelter and limit their lives, while male abusers remained free under protective orders they were likely to violate.

Rosenfeld says, "The highest risk cases should be monitored more closely by law enforcement to contain the offender and keep the victim safe."

## Funding is focus of abortion debate

Despite years of debate, and advances in birth control and education, about a million abortions are performed annually in the United States.

"It's highly stigmatized but an extremely common procedure," Stephanie Toti said at the Law School in

October. She spoke during a debate over the rule prohibiting family planning clinics that receive federal funds from referring women to abortion providers.

Toti, staff attorney for the U.S. Legal Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights, said policies that rely on the values of the party in power and that run counter to social values and civil liberties are bad public policies.

William L. Saunders Jr., senior counsel for Americans for Life, said Title X, the 1970 law, stipulates that no federal dollars can go to programs where abortion is a method of family planning. "If you think that should be changed—I don't agree—then change the statute and don't engage in activities that are prohibited from receiving federal funds."

Toti said taxpayer funding would not put abortions "on sale." She said demand for the service probably would rise should federal subsidies make abortion an option for more low-income women.

The debate was co-sponsored by the Federalist Society, American Constitution Society, Law Students for Life, and Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

## Debate over gun laws looks at recent rulings

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *D.C. v. Heller* has ushered in "exciting times" for those with an interest in the Second Amendment, said Alan Gura, the litigator who successfully challenged portions of Washington, D.C.'s firearms control regulations in the case.

*Heller* will be central to gun law challenges elsewhere in the United States, including one Gura is leading against ordinances in Chicago. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed this fall to hear that case.

Gura faced off against Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Herring at the Law School in a debate "Incorporating the Second Amendment: What Now After D.C. v. Heller?"

The debate, which relied heavily on





**Heller case should affect local laws.**

questions from a near-capacity audience in the Moot Court Room, touched on familiar questions about gun laws, government regulation, the right to self-defense, and the implications of an armed populace.

Drawing on his experience as head of the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorneys office, Herring said most criminal offenses would not have been avoided "by having a gun on your hip." And firearms in households are more likely to be stolen, used violently by the occupants of those households, or accidentally by children, than they are to be used defending against intruders.

Gura argued that *Heller* makes clear "this is a right deeply rooted in legal tradition" and the right to self-defense.

Gura and Herring agreed that as a result of *Heller*, Second Amendment rights are likely to be incorporated among rights guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. They agreed various jurisdictions will continue to legislate controls on gun ownership, and some carefully drawn regulations are likely to stand.

They disagreed on the question as it relates to specific locations such as college campuses and bars, and Gura said he did not anticipate the day when people would be allowed to carry firearms onto airplanes.

## Retchin joins Career Services

Tracy N. Retchin, who has experience in fields ranging from entertainment to foreign policy and government relations, is the Law School's director of career services.

A native of Los Angeles, Retchin received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She is a member of the Virginia and District of Columbia bars.



**Tracy N. Retchin**

Before coming to the Law School, she administered the pre-law advising program at Virginia Commonwealth University. She worked for entertainment companies in Los Angeles and Paris, and for the Virginia Senate Education and Health Committee.

With career services, she helps students market their talents and legal skills, and assists them with career planning.

## RECOGNITION

## Justice O'Connor greets bar group



**Justice O'Connor and Vanessa Jones**

Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court of the United States joined the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association in October for a private gathering at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

Justice O'Connor helped celebrate the 35th anniversary of the group, which from its beginning has included graduates of the Law School among its leaders. More than 200 women lawyers are members. Virginia Hackney, L'70, was one of its founders, and Vanessa L. Jones, L'01, is its president. Jones works with Barnes and Diehl in Chesterfield County, Va.

Initially, the association primarily provided social and networking opportunities. It has expanded to include educating members about legislative issues, interviewing candidates for judgeships, sponsoring public service projects, mentoring female law students and younger attorneys, and providing continuing legal education opportunities for its members.

Jones, president of the women's bar, came to the Law School after graduating in 1997 from the University's School of Continuing Services, with a degree in paralegal studies. As a law student, she worked with professor Jonathan Stubbs on his biography of civil rights lawyer Oliver W. Hill.







# From Classroom to Courtroom

Students find direction through clinic experiences

By Marilyn J. Shaw

**J**ason Seiden, L'10, hasn't taken the bar, but in the first four days of a clinical placement at the Chesterfield County Commonwealth Attorney's office, he participated in three trials.

"Clinics help law school students start their careers a year before they can start their careers," says Seiden, who worked two days a week at the Chesterfield office this fall. "There's no substitute for getting in front of a judge and arguing a case."

A component of the Law School's curriculum for more than two decades, clinics allow students to interact with legal professionals, and teach skills that go well beyond the legal theory that fills classroom hours.

"They are the most practical kind of courses to take," says Dale Margolin, director of the Law School's multidisciplinary Family Law Clinic, which is based near courts and prospective clients at UR Downtown.

Clinics provide opportunities for budding lawyers to gain confidence while working alongside skilled practitioners, says Margaret Bacigal, administrative director of the Clinical Placement Program.

"Students acquire a better understanding of the complexities of legal practice by assisting some great lawyers," she says. "They see how different areas of the law intersect;

how individuals' interests, personalities, and emotions impact the course of representation, and the importance of professionalism."

**Jason Seiden gained valuable experience while working at the Chesterfield County Commonwealth Attorney's office.**

The creation of clinical law school programs was inspired by a Supreme Court case (*Gideon v. Wainwright*, 1963) that said the Sixth Amendment requires state courts to provide criminal defendants with legal representation, says John Carroll, L'95. Carroll joined the law faculty this year after about 15 years of intellectual property and corporate law practice.

The idea has since expanded to include broader opportunities for legal representation, including transactional and intellectual property law, which will be the focus of the clinic Carroll launches this spring. He compares the clinic with teams of M.B.A. students who help businesses that are too time-constrained and financially limited to do strategic analysis. Students will perform trademark work, help startups, assess intellectual property rights, and find hidden assets, such as valuable proprietary computer codes that can provide new streams of revenue for clinic clients.

"The clinic will be an incubator for new businesses and for organizations that may not otherwise have their legal needs met," Carroll says. "In addition to providing a great learning experience, it's a tremendous privilege for the students to help the community."

"There's no downside to clinics," says Chesterfield County Circuit Judge Frederick G. Rockwell III, a former field instructor and longtime adjunct professor at the Law School. They expose students to the bar and offer firsthand knowledge of how a lawyer conducts himself or herself in court.





Clinic placements proved valuable to Christie Marra, L'91, (left), and Chelsea Dunn, L'09.

And through clinical practice, students “become a known quantity,” Rockwell says. “When they apply for jobs, lawyers know who they are.”

## Finding direction

For some students, the clinical experience is life changing.

Christie Marra, L'91, says she had begun wondering if she wanted to practice law when she finished school. Then she attended a meeting about clinical placements, and spoke to a classmate who was enthusiastic about his experience with legal aid. Marra says the meeting and the classmate's enthusiasm reminded her of why she came to law school, and she took a clinical placement with the Virginia Legal Aid Society. She worked there as a staff attorney for 13 years, and then moved to the Virginia Poverty Law Center, where she has been the past five years working with clients and lobbying at the Virginia Capitol.

“I really think that clinic was a pivotal moment in my life in terms of my career,” Marra says. “It was an opportunity to impact the lives of real people.”

Additionally, the clinic experience gave her an edge over rivals seeking jobs early in her career. One rewarding aspect of her work now, Marra says, is acting as a field instructor for clinic placements.

Chelsea Dunn has been interested in helping young people since her undergraduate years. Dunn, L'09, carried that interest into law school where she worked in the Juvenile Law and Policy Clinic. Then last summer, she worked at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Mississippi. She also did an externship at the Richmond Public Defender's Office, representing

clients in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

“Working with clients is one of the more difficult things for a new attorney,” Dunn says. “They're not as straightforward as you'd want them to be to best accomplish their goals.” Clinics allow students to “make the mistakes we're all going to make with someone looking over their shoulders.”

While juvenile rights advocacy work is still appealing, Dunn is pursuing what she calls “a lofty ideal,” clerking for Harry L. Carrico, senior justice with the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Sandra Hong, who will graduate this year, admits that devoting 20 hours a week to a clinic is a lot of work, but she finds it “one of the best experiences in law school.”

Hong helped five lawyers with civil cases in a clinical placement with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Virginia. Last summer, she interned in the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

A former newspaper reporter with an interest in social justice, Hong says she is considering a career doing government or public interest work.

“I got a sense [through the clinical experiences] of the importance of doing government work and being a keeper of the public trust,” Hong says. “These lawyers have a deep sense of duty and responsibility for what they're doing.”

For Sara Francisco, L'02, encouraging words from a field instructor proved to be a valuable boost to her confidence as she found career direction.

Roy Hoagland, her mentor in an internship with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, one day told her,



"You're going to be a good lawyer."

Today, Francisco sometimes works as a field instructor with Richmond law students at her job with the Southern Environmental Law Center, where she is senior vice president.

"I hope I can have anywhere close to the impact on students that he had on me," Francisco says.

## Understanding 'duty'

"Duty" is a word that comes up often among those who work in the Law School's in-house clinics.

Dale Margolin, director of the Family Law Clinic, says, "The most important part of the experience is service to families in poverty, the underserved, underprivileged."

At the Family Law Clinic, students see cases from the beginning. With supervision, third-year students can appear in court with Margolin or other experienced attorneys close by.

Jason Seiden worked there as a summer intern. He transferred to Richmond as a 2L with plans to clerk for a judge and work in a large firm. He had completed an externship with U.S. Magistrate Judge M. Hannah Lauck in Richmond. The biggest challenge during his summer job was a custody case.

"He was fabulous, one of the best [students] I ever had," Margolin says. "He litigated a most difficult case. All the cards were against us but we won."

Seiden, who is married with a young daughter, says he was touched by work that affects families' lives.

"I still want to clerk, but I also would like to do more public service work," he says.

"There's a whole world of public service out there that needs good, experienced, motivated, hard-working attorneys," Seiden says. "The poor, the indigent need the best attorneys just like the biggest companies. You may sacrifice to do this type of work, [but] saving someone's family through your work is just as rewarding if not more rewarding."

Margolin adds, "You can't work with the clients we have without it opening your eyes to what happens to people who can't afford lawyers."

These lessons are reinforced in seminars with professors that are part of the clinics. "Journal writing is a crucial part of the program, as well," Seiden says. "It forces you to reflect and that is where you really appreciate the experience."

Seiden adds, "I recall the first time I saw an adult sentenced to jail, and I remember the first time a client said to me, 'Did we win? Do I have my kids?'" ■

# Integrating theory, practice

**Law students integrate legal theory and practical experience in a variety of clinics.**

**Clinical training—a longstanding and growing component of the Law School's curriculum—gives second- and third-year students first-hand legal experience that helps them choose an area of specialty, enhances their résumés, and provides valuable public service to the community.**



**Bacigal**

**Students may take an in-house clinic or an externship through the Clinical Placement Program, directed by professor Margaret Bacigal. Placements are available in civil, criminal, judicial and corporate arenas. Students work with trial and appellate judges, state and federal prosecutors, public defenders, corporate counsel, and lawyers working in**

**civil litigation, public policy, and legislative advocacy.**

**Students generally work 16 to 24 hours a week representing mostly indigent clients or those from underserved communities. The clinics also include a classroom component.**

**The Law School's newest clinic, available this spring, will focus on intellectual property rights and transactional law, with students potentially representing businesses and businesspeople, artists and inventors, and non-profit and for-profit organizations. John Carroll is the clinic director.**

**The Institute for Actual Innocence immerses students in trial, appellate and post-conviction proceedings, exploring the causes of possibly wrongful felony convictions. Students have used DNA testing in the appeal of the murder conviction of a man serving a life sentence. The clinic also plans to handle habeas work. Its director is Mary Kelly Tate.**

**Through the Disability Law Clinic, directed by Adrienne Volenik, students help special-needs children and their families. The Juvenile Law and Policy Clinic, led by Melissa Goemann, looks at legislative solutions and other means of improving laws that affect children in Virginia. In the Delinquency Law Clinic, headed by Kelley Bartges, students work with youthful clients charged with delinquency offenses. The Family Law Clinic, a multidisciplinary collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University and based in UR Downtown, provides indigent families with representation. It focuses especially on young adults and those aging out of foster care. Dale Margolin is the clinic's director.**



Dean John Douglass, Rachael Deane, L'10, and John Moeser played roles in proposing changes to the Richmond city charter.

**R**achael C. Deane is pursuing her passions for public service and the law. Her efforts, and those of the University of Richmond, should have a lasting impact on how the city of Richmond governs itself in the future.

Deane, a third-year student, provided legal research, analysis and drafting support for the Richmond City Charter Review Commission. John G. Douglass, dean of the Law School, chairs the commission, and John V. Moeser, senior fellow of the University's Bonner Center for Civic Engagement and an expert on city government, is one of eight commissioners.

"The commission is giving me the chance to apply my legal skills to a real problem in a community I know very well," says Deane, a Richmond native. "It's shown me how lawyers can interact with their community. What the commission is doing is [proposing significant revisions to] the charter."

The independent commission was established in July 2008 to make recommendations to amend the

city charter in the wake of conflicts between Richmond City Council and then-Mayor L. Douglas Wilder. Four commissioners were appointed by city council, and four by Wilder.

The commission then asked Douglass, who has years of experience in mediation and dispute resolution, to serve as chairman. "He has such credibility," says Moeser. "We needed a chair that was neither a council or Wilder appointee who could be completely neutral. We also knew that if we appointed the Law School dean, he could involve law school students to help staff it."

Being involved in the greater Richmond community is a key principle of *The Richmond Promise*, the University's strategic plan, which fits with the Law School's longstanding commitment. In March, the University opened UR Downtown at 626 E. Broad St., where the Law School operates several public service programs.

"As President Ayers says, 'It's not just the University of Richmond, it's the University *for* Richmond,'" says Douglass.





# Civil city

## University leaders, student help revise Richmond's city charter

By Pam Feibish

"I think an academic institution can contribute an independent perspective on issues of public policy," says Douglass. "We're a place for ideas to be considered on their merits."

Unprecedented events spurred the need for city charter revisions, says Moeser, professor emeritus of urban studies and planning at Virginia Commonwealth University, and a scholar of Richmond politics for more than 30 years.

In 2004, city leadership shifted from an appointed manager to an elected mayor. One result was a contentious, highly publicized battle of wills, punctuated by lawsuits and countersuits. Those conflicts revealed some ambiguities in the charter, Moeser says. "It was the lawsuits that came out of the Wilder administration that really forced the issue." (The suits—estimated to cost Richmond taxpayers \$1.1 million in legal fees—involved Wilder's claim of authority over certain council-appointed employees and his attempt in 2007 to evict Richmond's school board from City Hall.)

The commission was charged with correcting some of those ambiguities, and, in some cases, with clearly establishing authority, such as who appoints and removes the city auditor, city attorney, city assessor, and council staff.

The commission, whose members donated their time and expertise, began work in October 2008.

Deane attended every commission meeting, and some city council meetings, as well.

"At the beginning, we needed to gather points of view, input, ideas from people all around city government who have experienced conflict to get their suggestions on the portions of the city charter that mattered most," Deane says.

"We also went through the lawsuits," Douglass says. "Rachael did a lot of that. She helped us sift through a mountain of issues and set an agenda."

The process demonstrated one of the Law School's strengths, Douglass says. "A student here can play an important role in community service" and develop

valuable practical experience in the process.

Deane sat in on interviews with Mayor Dwight C. Jones and members of city council. She devoted significant time to the commission, primarily as a result of a grant from the University's Bonner Center for Civic Engagement.

Deane learned early on that Richmond is complex "in terms of size, the structure of our city government and of our history, particularly in terms of race relations."

Richmond has the only council-mayor government of its type in Virginia. And though many cities elect a mayor, Richmond's district voting system, designed to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, is unique.

**"I think an academic institution can contribute an independent perspective on issues of public policy. We're a place for ideas to be considered on their merits."**

**— Dean John Douglass**

Combining community service with the law is a good fit for Deane. She graduated from the Maggie Walker Governor's School in the city, and earned a degree from the University of Mary Washington. Her summer job after her first year of law school was in public interest law, including public housing, poverty, landlord-tenant and consumer issues.

"Being from Richmond and having grown up here, and having loved the city so dearly, I jumped at the opportunity to work with the commission," she says.

"Every law student should have an experience in which they are doing pro bono work, civic work, public interest work out in the community," she says. "I think it makes us better lawyers and citizens."

The commission has published its recommendations and provided a final report to city council and Mayor Jones. In November, council agreed to forward three of the commission's recommendations dealing with appointment of council staff, real estate transactions, and the mayoral veto power for action at the upcoming General Assembly session. Council delayed action on other recommendations in order to allow more time for discussion.

Throughout the process, Deane was struck by the commission's commitment to doing what's best for Richmond and its citizens.

"I was expecting a lot of contentious debate," Deane says. The harmony was "a pleasant surprise given media reports and given the perception not only of Richmond, but urban government in general, that it's slow, that it's corrupt, or that people don't care," Deane says. This experience "has given me a lot more hope as to what can happen for Richmond in the future."

Once the work got going, Douglass agrees, people pulled together and took a fresh look at the issues.

Douglass had a knack for summarizing what was at stake and what the major lines of controversy were, says commission member and political scientist Dr. Robert Holsworth. Holsworth, who was appointed by Mayor Wilder, is the founder and president of the online forum Virginia Tomorrow and a longtime participant in community activities.

Douglass also was able to handle what Holsworth calls the intellectual conflict. "People don't always agree, and in some of those instances we were able to reach agreement, and in some, we agreed to disagree. But in all instances, he was able to keep the commission running smoothly. It never really broke down into factions."

Commission member Benjamin J. Lambert III, a former state senator and a Wilder appointee, says Douglass kept the commission on the right track. "He explained a lot of things for the non lawyers like myself. He was fantastic."

Holsworth, a faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University for 30 years and chair of a number of gubernatorial commissions, believes a university's involvement and expertise enhances any community. In return, universities expand their ability to teach by adding insight and context that grows from that involvement.

Douglass says the University contributed four resources to help shape the way Richmond's government will work.

"You have John Moeser, with his vast experience in urban policy in general and Richmond government specifically; you have the dean of the Law School with legal expertise; you have a very bright, capable, hard-working law student; and I can't diminish the contribution of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement.

"It's a good example of different pieces of the University working together to have a positive impact on our community." ■



# Reinventing Fire

Making energy efficiency a reality

By Noah M. Sachs



Outside my window at Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) in Snowmass, Colo., I see the stunning 14,000-foot peaks of the Elk Range, now covered with snow in early October. Inside I'm looking at banana trees growing in the middle of my office. It's a self-sufficient building, powered mainly by the sun, and it's a toasty 68 degrees.

My office is in the home of RMI's founder, Amory B. Lovins, one of the world's leading gurus of energy efficiency and sustainable design. Lovins, who was recently named by *Time Magazine* as one of the





**Built in 1983, Lovins' house features high-efficiency lighting, 16-inch thick walls, photovoltaic panels, and a greenhouse that grows bananas and guavas year-round.**



100 most influential people on the planet, argues that the United States must end its reliance on fossil fuels by embracing energy efficiency and renewable energy, and he believes we can do so and make a profit. Lovins always thinks big. His name for RMI's programs to spur this energy transition? "Reinventing Fire."

I decided to spend my fall research leave at Rocky Mountain Institute to learn more about Lovins' work and the role of energy efficiency in environmental protection. Last summer, I published an article in *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum* that showed that energy efficiency is an important and forgotten part of the U.S. environmental agenda. We've focused much

## A lot of people thought Lovins was crazy to build a house at 7,000 feet in the Rockies with no furnace.

more on ensuring stable energy supply and cleaning up pollution than on curbing energy demand.

In my research for the article, I found that the United States uses twice as much energy per capita as the United Kingdom, Germany, and Japan, and we use five times as much per capita as China. This high U.S. consumption is not only a major contributor to climate change, but it also leaves our economy dangerously exposed to oil supply shocks (or \$4 a gallon gas). In my article, I advocated several legislative changes to bring down U.S. energy demand in the next decade, including changes in utility regulation and enacting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emissions.

RMI is making dramatic energy efficiency gains a current, practical reality. It is a "think-and-do" tank that publishes reports on energy efficiency and also consults with Fortune 500 companies to green their operations—and save them money. RMI's motto is "Abundance by Design," and Amory often says, "RMI doesn't do incrementalism, it does transformationalism."

Here's one example of a recent RMI project: In 2007, RMI landed the Empire State Building as a client and consulted, with several other companies, on a top-to-bottom energy efficiency retrofit. RMI recommended improvements designed to achieve energy savings of nearly 40 percent in the building, including upgrading chillers, ventilation, air handlers, lighting, and every window in the iconic skyscraper. The building owners plan to implement these recommendations by 2013.

The Empire State Building project was an important one for RMI. Cost-effective energy efficiency retrofits on a building built in 1934 show the potential for improving existing buildings throughout the United States.

The University of Richmond should take note. The University has launched a sustainability initiative, and it has an admirable record of green construction for new buildings on campus. But it's time to turn our attention to upgrading the older, leaky buildings on campus—for both environmental reasons and cost savings.

Lovins' home, built in 1983, is another example of how RMI has put ideas into practice. It features a bank of photovoltaic panels on the roof, high-efficiency LED lighting, solar water heating, 16-inch thick stone walls to assist with building cooling, and a greenhouse for growing bananas and guavas year-round (the plants absorb heat during the day and release it to the house





at night). At 4,000 square feet, Lovins' house uses one-tenth the energy of a typical U.S. home of that size.

The house has no furnace. The extra money spent on its super-efficient design allowed Lovins to save money by eliminating the furnace and associated ductwork altogether. He calls this "tunneling through the cost barrier," by which he means designing smarter systems from the beginning rather than settling for the diminishing returns of typical building improvements, such as adding extra insulation. A lot of people thought Lovins was crazy to build a house at 7,000 feet in the Rockies with no furnace, but his 25 years of living in the house have proven the critics wrong.

The lesson here is that efficiency pays, and working at RMI has made me think about how I use energy in my own 1969 split-level in Richmond (time to get rid of those last few incandescent bulbs).

While I'm based here at RMI for the semester, I'm working on a project that matches my own research interests and RMI's work. I'm analyzing recent legislation in the European Union that sets minimum energy efficiency targets for a wide variety of appliances and consumer electronics, from cell phones and video game consoles to computers and air conditioners.

According to the International Energy Agency, the global growth in energy consumption for consumer electronics, between now and 2030, will equal the total current electricity consumption of the United States and Japan combined. It is clear to me that the

United States needs to address electricity consumption from these products, and I am researching what the European experience can teach us about the right mix of tools to do so. RMI is interested in learning more about the latest practices in energy-efficient product design in the electronics sector.

Research at RMI has been inspiring. As an environmental law professor, I have been trained to view pollution as primarily a legal problem—one that the U.S. has traditionally addressed through a complex system of permits, enforcement, and technological controls.

RMI views pollution from a different perspective. Pollution is, by definition, a waste—a waste of inputs, a waste of resources, and a waste of potential profit. RMI has been remarkably effective at making the business case for reducing both pollution and energy use, and it has been fascinating for me

to work side-by-side with the economists, scientists, and MBA's who staff the institute.

Unless Americans widely embrace sustainable design and energy efficiency, the United States will not come anywhere close to achieving improvements in energy security or addressing climate change. RMI is helping to point the way forward. ■



**Lovins (left) and Sachs**

*Noah M. Sachs is an associate professor at the Law School, and director of the Robert R. Merhige Jr. Center for Environmental Studies.*





**E**lissa B. Reese was sailing toward Law School graduation last May with a job offer from a prestigious Washington firm, where she had left a favorable impression during a summer internship.

Then she received an e-mail with news that has become too familiar to graduates at law schools across the country—her start date was being pushed from September 2009 to early 2010 because of the downturn in the economy.

Shouldering more than \$100,000 in student loan debt, the pragmatic Reese began scouring the possibilities for work with a legal aid or non-profit organization for the interim.

“I was disappointed,” says Reese, who was glad the firm paid her a small stipend for the months-long

delay. She must begin repaying her almost mortgage-sized education debt in December.

“I understand that firms are at the mercy of the economy,” she says. In the meantime, Reese plans to devote herself to other important matters. “I can use this time to spend with my family that I hardly see. And I can focus on gaining more legal experience—in full-time public interest work—that I otherwise wouldn’t be able to do.”

As the sour national economy plays havoc with their plans, law students and recent graduates across the nation are turning to new strategies for securing jobs and defining success, and the Law School, led by its busy Career Services Office, is working to meet the demand through familiar and new channels.

It has meant scouring government agencies, public



# The New Jobs Landscape

Graduates contend with challenging job market

By Bonnie V. Winston



interest organizations, and non-profits for opportunities that have arisen from the economic downturn. And new online services such as Symplicity, and social networking sites like LinkedIn are “a great way for students to present themselves,” says Kristen E. Binette, associate director of Career Services. (Related story, page 21.)

Alumni in large and small firms, corporate offices and elsewhere have reached out with jobs and advice, maintaining a presence on campus during the fall recruiting season.

Meanwhile, Law School administrators, faculty, alumni, and Career Services staffers want students to know that the economy, while a game-changer, doesn’t have to be a game-stopper.

“I know it’s tough out there. I sense tremendous

anxiety from the folks I’m interviewing,” says Gerald C. “Jerry” Canaan II, L’91, who heads the summer associates program at the Richmond firm Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle. The firm has been recruiting at the Law School for nearly a decade.

“I would encourage people—if they can’t find a [law] job—to find a job in the industry they’re interested in, or volunteer,” Canaan says. “These experiences may be what makes you stand out. People have to go that extra step to distinguish themselves.”

Businesses, including law firms, are being careful about making long-term decisions on growth, explains John V. Cogbill III, L’79, former managing partner with McGuireWoods in Richmond.

Calling this “the most challenging time” for hiring lawyers in his 30 years of practice, he says, “The

[recruiting] process hasn't stopped but it has slowed. Stay focused. Don't be discouraged. It's going to be a long pull but we will get there."

Nationally, *The New York Times* described fall 2009 as "the most wrenching job search season in over 50 years" for law students. Both jobs and paychecks are being cut, with large firms taking harder hits. The cuts are pushing new lawyers toward smaller firms, smaller markets, public interest groups and government, the newspaper reported.

While some firms are making offers but delaying hiring dates, as in Reese's case, others are rescinding offers made before the economic downturn intensified.

Law schools, including New York University, Georgetown and Northwestern, said interviews are down a third to a half from previous norms, the *Times* reported.

NALP, the Association for Legal Career Professionals, reported in June the first decrease in the employment rate for recent law graduates since 2003.

That's a grim reality for students amassing debt to finance their law school

educations. At UR Law, the average debt load upon graduation is \$85,000. The University has substantially increased financial aid to law students recently to help reduce that debt.

Denise Melton Carl, L'84, associate dean for career services at the Law School, says many of these national trends are playing out at Richmond, as well.

She said some new grads, awaiting delayed start dates or still looking for permanent positions, are turning to hourly jobs like document-review work to help fill the gap. And more students, recent graduates and alumni are coming to Career Services for assistance ranging from help with job hunting and career counseling, to résumé review and cover letter assistance.

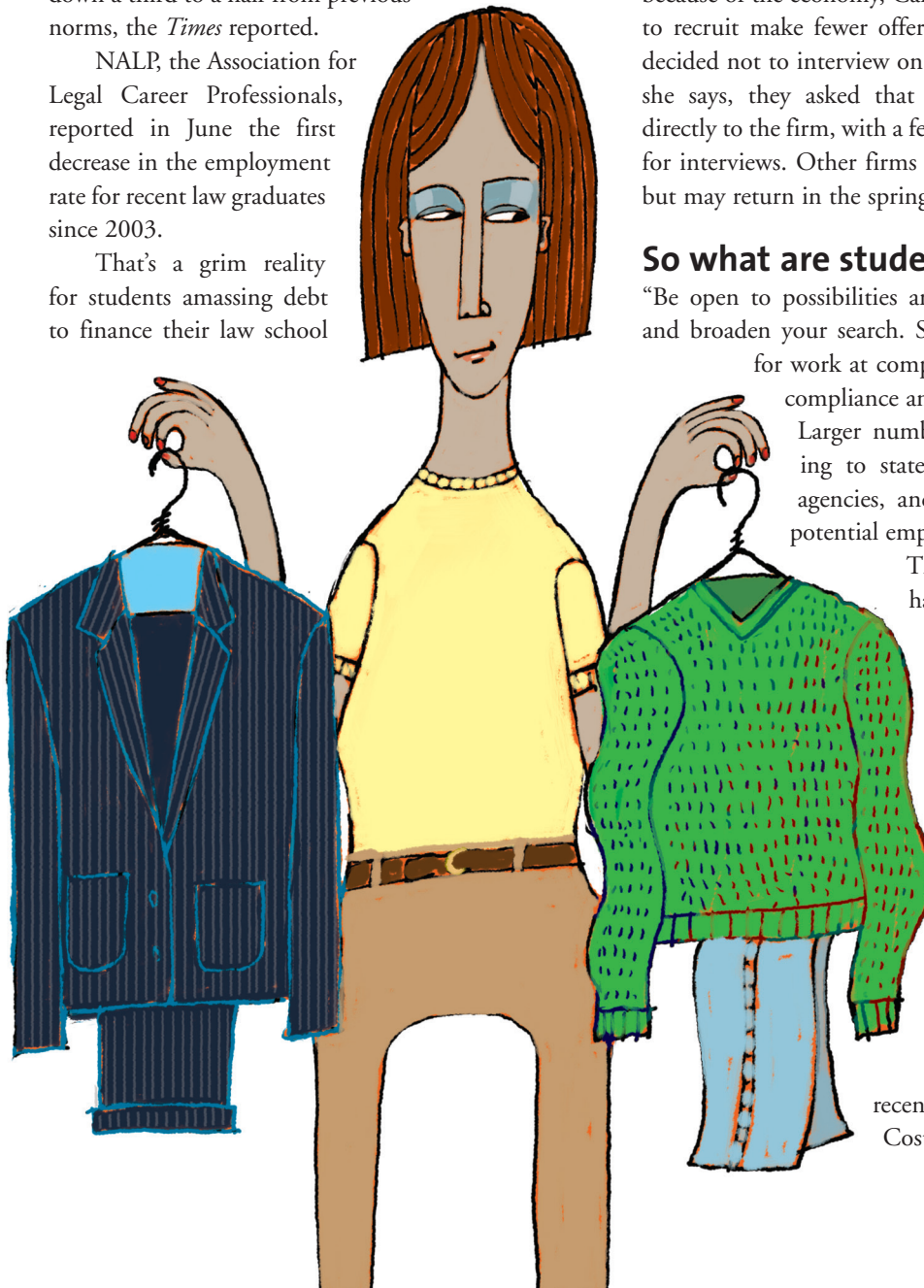
"There's a complete change in the landscape" because of the economy, Carl says. Firms that do come to recruit make fewer offers, and a handful of firms decided not to interview on campus this year. Instead, she says, they asked that students submit résumés directly to the firm, with a few candidates being invited for interviews. Other firms say they aren't hiring now but may return in the spring if business improves.

## So what are students to do?

"Be open to possibilities and be patient," Carl says, and broaden your search. Some students are looking for work at companies and corporations in compliance and regulatory departments. Larger numbers of students are looking to state and federal government agencies, and public interest fields as potential employers.

Three 2009 law graduates have found jobs through Presidential Management Fellowships, competitive positions designed to attract outstanding new lawyers to federal service. Nate Denny will work for the General Services Administration, Lauren Pozefsky with Customs and Borders Protection, and Doug Walker with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Because of the recently passed federal College Cost Reduction Access Act,





# New media aid job searches

Internet social media and networking sites are rapidly finding a place among job search tools.

“Social networking extends the opportunity for students to learn about law firms and other potential employers, and also to do networking,” says Kristen E. Binette, associate director of the Career Services Office.

LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook are the most frequently mentioned electronic portals where job seekers disseminate information about themselves, and gather information about a firm, company or person with whom they’d like to work.

“Sites like LinkedIn are the virtual version of a student’s résumé,” Binette says. “They’re a way to present a profile very much like their résumé—with their educational background, the job experiences. It allows them



to contact and stay in touch with people.”

LinkedIn, where employers search for people qualified for jobs, is free and has attracted more than 43 million members.

Binette recommends keeping Facebook for personal information. And, she cautions, make sure the privacy settings are activated and be careful what you post.

Symplicity, an electronic job board to which the Law School subscribes, is a better alternative. Employers post job openings on the numerous databases, and search

résumés there. Symplicity’s subscribers, who number more than 190 law schools, also post job news.

“It is a whole new world that we’re all just beginning to explore,” Binette says.

activity in public interest sectors has increased, Carl says. The act allows forgiveness of federal loans for people who work for 10 years in public interest sectors.

“In the past, students may not have pursued [public interest work] because they were worried about how they would ever pay their debt,” Carl says. The cost reduction act has changed that.

Carl also says clerkships, which have always been considered prestigious stepping-stones, are drawing more interest. About 30 Richmond students applied for federal clerkships this year, and more than a dozen federal judges interviewed Richmond students. At press time, seven Richmond students had accepted offers. (Related story, page 25). Others are finding coveted positions with state court judges in Virginia and across the nation. The numerous Richmond alumni on the Virginia bench have provided exceptional opportunities for students seeking clerkships.

For students interested in a more traditional path, Carl recommends looking at small to mid size firms, and in practice areas that haven’t been hit as hard as finance and securities, real estate and corporate law.

Cogbill agrees that despite the challenging times, practice areas such as litigation, family law, intellectual property, energy and health care are growing. The

economy has driven demand for bankruptcy lawyers. And with new regulations coming in fields such as health care, finance and environment, “there are opportunities emerging across the board.”

Canaan, whose nearly 50-lawyer Richmond firm specializes in the growing health care niche, says applications are up 50 percent, and many are coming from the Northeast, “which tells me there must be tough sledding in that neck of the woods.”

As a result, competition is keener for the firm’s few summer positions, he says. Two offers for permanent employment were made to 2008 summer associates, and two offers were made to the 2009 summer group. One of the new starts is from Richmond, Canaan says.

Alumni are critical links to success for many Richmond students, says Michelle L. Rahman, associate dean for admission. A review of firms recruiting on campus this fall shows strong alumni presence.

“Our alums are fabulous about this,” Rahman says. “They are in a firm and they see a need and they’ll call the Career Services Office. Or they’ll speak to the hiring partner about getting one of our graduates into a position. They’ve done a lot to help increase opportunities for Richmond law students.” ■

# FACULTY BRIEFS

Faculty achievements, publications and appearances



## Law librarians play national roles

**Joyce Manna Janto, L'89**, deputy director of the law library, is serving as vice president of the American Association of Law Libraries. This summer Janto will become president of the 5,000-member association.

The AALL was founded in 1906 to promote and enhance the value of law libraries, to foster the profession, and to provide leadership in the field of legal information. Its members include law firms, law schools, corporate legal departments, courts, and government agencies.



Janto

Law library staff members who also are active in AALL include: **Gail Zwirner**, head of access services; **Suzanne Corriell**, head of reference and research services; **Sally Wambold**, technical services librarian; and **Timothy Coggins**, associate dean for library and information services and professor of law.

Coggins will become chair of the association's Electronic Legal Information Access and Citation Committee in July.

After Janto becomes AALL president in July, she will lead the association's education, advocacy, and leadership activities, and she will preside over its 2011 annual meeting in Philadelphia.

**Azizah al-Hibri** received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the *Journal of Law and Religion*. The award is presented to people whose scholarship or professional practice in law and religion reflects the journal's mission. She was among guests invited to the White House by President Obama for an Iftar dinner in September celebrating contributions Muslims have made to America and its culture. Al-Hibri also lectured at the NATO School in Germany in November. Karamah, the organization she founded to work for the rights of Muslim women, was co-sponsor of the American Bar Association's World Justice Forum in November.

**Margaret Ivey Bacigal** was named chair of the Virginia Bar Association Commission on the Needs of Children.

**Ronald Bacigal** spoke at the *Washington and Lee Law Review* Colloquium Oct. 20. His comments on a case note will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Washington and Lee Law Review*.

**Tara Casey**, director of the Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service, hosted programs for National Celebration of Pro Bono Week in October at the Law School, at UR Downtown, and in the community. The events included pro bono services for seniors, CLE courses for lawyers, and a fundraiser for LINC, the Legal Information Network for Cancer. Casey was listed in *Virginia Business* magazine's Legal Elite for pro bono services.



**Henry L. Chambers Jr.**'s article "Biblical Interpretation, Constitutional Interpretation and Ignoring Text" was published in *Maryland Law Review*. Chambers spoke on the U.S. Supreme Court's recent employment discrimination jurisprudence at the National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys annual meeting. He also spoke on the 4th Circuit's employment discrimination doctrine at the *University of South Carolina Law Review's* symposium on the circuit. He spoke at Richmond Public Schools' Teaching American History Academy about civil rights and field study notes.

**Timothy L. Coggins**, associate dean for library and information services and professor of law, received a "Presidential Certificate of Appreciation" from the American Association of Law



Libraries. Coggins was honored for his work as co-chair of the planning committee for the 2008 joint study institute, which drew law librarians from Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. Coggins presented “Legal Research for the Paralegal” at the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association’s Annual Paralegal Seminar in November.

**Chris Cotropia** published “The Folly of Early Filing in Patent Law,” 61 *Hastings Law Journal*, “The



Individual Inventor Motif in the Age of the Patent Troll,” 12 *Yale Journal of Law and Technology*,

“The Unreasonableness of the Patent Office’s ‘Broadest Reasonable Interpretation’ Standard,” 37 *AIPLA Q.J.* (co-authored with Mark Lemley), and “Describing Patents as Real Options,” 34 *J. Corp. L.* 1127. He spoke on “The Upside of Intellectual Property’s Downside” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting in August; on “The Individual Inventor Motif in the Age of the Patent Troll” at “Patents and Entrepreneurship in Business and Information Technologies,” George Washington University Law School in June.

**David Frisch** published “Amended U.C.C. Article 2 as Code Commentary” in 11 *Duquesne Business Law Journal* as part of a symposium on amended Article 2.

**Jim Gibson** presented “The Upside of Intellectual Property’s Downside” at the Cardozo Intellectual Property Scholars

Conference and at the SEALS Conference. Gibson spoke at the annual spring program of the Virginia Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries in May. His topic was “Copyright, Libraries, and the University Mission.”

**Melissa Goemann** had a letter to the editor published in September in the *Baltimore Sun*. The letter discussed an order by the board of trustees of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender on closure of the public defender system’s Juvenile Protection Division.

**Mary L. Heen** published “Ending Jim Crow Life Insurance Rates” in the fall issue of *Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy*. The article examines the rise and fall of explicit, race-based life insurance rates, beginning after Reconstruction and ending with multi-million dollar civil rights settlements by major life insurance companies earlier in this decade.

**Ann Hodges** spoke at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ meeting in August



on “Union Negotiated Arbitration of Statutory Discrimination Claims after 14 *Penn Plaza v.*

*Pyett*.” She spoke at the University of Missouri, Columbia Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution on “Creeping Legalism in Arbitration.” Her article “Lessons from the Laboratory: the Polar Opposites of the Public Sector Labor Law Spectrum” was published in the *Cornell Journal of Law*.

## FACULTY PROFILE

# Compound interest

## Mary Heen



Some of Mary Heen’s students come into her taxation classes anxious about working with numbers and such a seemingly complex subject. That’s a challenge the professor enjoys.

“The basic tax course provides a wonderful window into financial issues, social policy and economic questions as well

as an understanding of how the government raises revenue,” says Heen.

That classroom intersection of the intellectual and the practical sides of law appeals to her. And when creative, curious students are involved, Heen finds teaching to be a learning experience.

“I love getting questions from students that prompt me to think about things in new ways,” she says. “It’s a continuous learning process.”

Heen’s interest in social justice issues led her to become the general counsel for the American Association of University Professors, a position she held from 2006 to 2008.

“The AAUP represents the interests of American college and university professors and academic professionals on issues of importance to the profession,” she explains. “It has been one of the major voices in the higher education community in securing academic freedom.”

A Montana native, Heen came to the Law School in 1992 after deciding to make teaching her career. She had served as staff counsel in the ACLU’s national office in New York from 1980–1986 where she argued an immigration case before the Supreme Court of the United States. From 1987–1990, she was an associate at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler in New York City. Then she took a teaching job at New York University and found what she had been seeking.

“I’ve always been interested in the intellectual side of law,” she says. “The position at NYU permitted me to explore the idea of teaching.”

Heen was attracted to Richmond because the University offered a unique combination of liberal arts, business, and law.

—Joan Tupponce

**John Paul Jones** published an article in the *Tulane Law Review* for its June 2009 symposium on “Troubled Waters – Admiralty Law: Insurance, Pollution and Finance Issues.” The article was “The Sky Has Not Fallen Yet on Punitive Damages in Admiralty Cases.”

**Corinna Barrett Lain** published “The Unexceptionalism of ‘Evolving Standards,’” in 57 *UCLA Law Review*



365 (2009) in November. She was a panelist discussing “The Death Penalty: Contemporary

Issues in Contemporary Society” in September. She presented “Writing for Tenure” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual conference in August. Lain also presented the Virginia Criminal Procedure Update CLE for the Virginia Bar Association’s annual meeting in July, and for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association meeting in September. She presented “How Much Does Law Matter?” to the West End Rotary Club in October. She also gave opening remarks for the Law School’s Domestic Violence Symposium “What Have We Learned? A Reality-Based Approach to Domestic Violence” in October.

**Dale S. Margolin** published “What Every Lawyer Must Know for Clients Aging Out of Care,” in *The American Bar Association Children’s Rights Litigation*, fall 2009. She presented “Teens in Foster Care” at Stafford County’s best practice court team training in August. (Related story, page 3.)

**Shari Motro** published “The Price of Pleasure” in 104 *Northwestern University Law Review*.

**Jack Preis** argued before the 9th Circuit in *Pollard v. Wackenhut*, a case of first impression involving civil rights actions against private federal prisons. He presented an article “The Fallacy of Inherent Remedial Power” at a federal courts conference at Michigan State University School of Law. The *Virginia Law Review* published his article “Constitutional Enforcement by Proxy” in November.

**Emmeline Paulette Reeves** presented “Strategic Delivery of Academic Support Services” at the 2009 Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., in August.

**Noah Sachs** was named the University of Richmond’s “Rising Star” professor for 2009. He was



nominated for a similar state honor sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education for

Virginia. Sachs also served on a panel hosted by the United Nations Environment Program in Geneva, Switzerland. The panel of law professors and environmental leaders helped revise UNEP draft guidelines on liability and compensation for environmental damage. Sachs is co-author of a Foundation Press casebook, *The Regulation of Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes*, due out in the fall.

**Carl W. Tobias** published an article on federal judicial selection in the *Arizona State Law Journal*,

and an article on blue crabs in the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*. He published arti-



cles on the Sotomayor nomination in the *Baltimore Sun*, *McClatchy Newspapers*, *FindLaw* and

*Roanoke Times*. He published articles on federal judicial selection in the *Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *National Law Journal*, *Roanoke Times*, *Raleigh News & Observer*, *McClatchy Newspapers*, and *FindLaw*. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, quoted from a Tobias article on the Senate floor and inserted the piece in the Congressional Record. Tobias published articles on the federal courts in *McClatchy Newspapers*, *Sacramento Bee*, *FindLaw*, and *Roll Call*. He published articles on the Chesapeake Bay and blue crabs in the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot*, *McClatchy Newspapers*, and *Roanoke Times*. Tobias published letters to the editor in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Hartford Courant*. He was a widely quoted contributor to the debates over judicial selection, the Obama administration, terrorism and other topics.

**Kevin Walsh’s** article “Partial Unconstitutionality,” was accepted for publication in the *New York University Law Review*.

**Gail Zwirner** has been named to the Library Board for the Richmond Public Library.



# STUDENT NEWS

*Student news and accomplishments*

## Students win U.S., state clerkships

The law class of 2010 continues to earn opportunities in a variety of fields. Already this year, seven third-year students have accepted prestigious clerkships with federal judges across the nation. Others have been named to coveted clerkships with state court judges.

Students with federal clerkships are: **Matt Farley**, Judge Thomas Johnston, Southern District of West Virginia; **Mary Hallerman**, Judge Claude Hilton, Eastern District of Virginia; **Matt Hull**, Judge William Stone, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Virginia; **Alissa Hurley**, Judge Thomas Ludington, Eastern District of Michigan; **David Rivard**, Judge Jerome Friedman, Eastern District of Virginia; **Adriana Shultz**, Judge Henry E. Hudson, Eastern District of Virginia; and **Jaime Wisegarver**, Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Northern District of West Virginia.

## Student mediators win competition

A student team from the Law School finished first this fall in a regional mediation competition in Williamsburg.

Second-year students **Irina Manelis** and **Michael Giordano** won in a six-team event involving representatives from Richmond, The College of William and Mary, and Regent University.

**Geetha Ravindra**, an adjunct faculty member at the Law School,



Students with federal clerkships include: (from left) **Alissa Hurley**, **Adriana Shultz**, **Matt Farley**, **Mary Hallerman**, and **Jaime Wisegarver**.

was conference chair for the 2009 gathering of the Virginia Mediation Network, a statewide association for mediators. She came up with the idea for the competition.

Each school had two teams of students who played roles of attorneys and clients. They were judged based on negotiation skills and collaborative problem-solving abilities. The final round took place before about 100 mediators at the conference.

## Student recognition

**Tiffany Bagwell, 1L**, won the 2009 Carrico Moot Court Competition at the Law School. **Catharyn Teplansky, 2L**, won the best brief award.

The Family Law Center, led by third-year student **Jason Seiden**, recently won a challenging case, bringing justice to a young mother

who had been unconstitutionally denied custody of her infant for the past eight months. Thanks to the work by Seiden, research assistant **Stephanie Regali, 3L**, and Liz Riggs, the center coordinator, mother and baby are together again.

Through Equal Justice Works, two Richmond law students have been accepted to the Summer Legal Corps: **Lawrence Drombetta, 3L**, (public defender's office, Fredericksburg, Va.) and **Ryan Shannon, 2L**, (Law Students in Action Project, Rochester, N.Y.). Summer Corps members deal with issues including civil rights, community economic development, death penalty, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education, public benefits and workers' rights. They are selected through a competitive process.

**Liz Stokes, 2L**, has been awarded the American Association for



Justice Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award. She was selected from applicants from across the country. The award was established in 1991 in honor of the late Elaine Osborne Jacobson, an advocate for the health care needs of underserved populations. The award recognizes women law students with an aptitude for and commitment to careers advocating for the health care needs of women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

## TAB team advances in San Diego event

The Law School's trial advocacy team, with assists from faculty and alumni, finished as semi-finalists in the San Diego Defense Lawyers Mock Trial Competition in October.

The 16 teams in the event took on a complicated medical malpractice case through several rounds of advocacy. Richmond finished among the top four, with Pacific University finishing first.

**Erica Giovanni**, president of the UR Trial Advocacy Board, said Richmond's team took an aggressive approach, and lawyers, other competitors and observers complimented the team.

The team included **Lindsay Builder**, captain, **Jason Seiden**, **Kristen McNeal**, and **David Vyborny**. Giovanni was student coach. **Michael HuYoung, L'82**, from the Barnes Family Law Firm, is TAB's coach. Professor Margaret Bacigal is TAB's faculty advisor.

A second Richmond team made up of **Eric Huszar**, captain, **Landon Davis**, **Naveed Kalantar**, and **Matt Craven**, also competed.

Among the TAB alumni who pitched in are **Buckley Warden, L'o8**, **Neisha Gray, L'09**, **Jon Haley, L'09**, **Lauren Wegemer, L'09**, and **Kristen Wright L'09**. **Claire Cardwell, L'84**, helped with expert testimony, and **Dean John G. Douglass** and **Malcolm McConnell, L'87**, assisted during mooting.

## Law fraternity serves community

Students and faculty collected food in October for the Central Virginia Food Bank through the Canned Immunity program sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta, the international law fraternity.

Five professors participated in the annual event where students earn grants of "immunity" from professors' questions by contributing food items to the drive. The drive brought in six boxes of food for the food bank.

The fraternity also sponsored a Public Interest Auction in November to raise money for summer stipends for students. Items on the block included babysitting by students, homemade pies, gift certificates to restaurants, tours with faculty of Richmond sites including courthouses and museums, and a group outing with professors to a drive in.



Members of the trial advocacy team, (from left) Erica Giovanni, Lindsay Builder, Jason Seiden, David Vyborny, Kristen McNeal, and coach Michael HuYoung.

# CLASS NOTES

Class news, alumni profiles, and events



**Richmond Law magazine is looking for alumni news to publish in Class Notes. Staying in touch is easy through the online version of the magazine at [law.richmond.edu/magazine](http://law.richmond.edu/magazine). Go to the "Submit a Class Note" link to send your news. Or contact us by mail at Law Alumni, University of Richmond School of Law, University of Richmond, VA 23173, or at (804) 289-8028.**

## 1950s

**Gordon W. Poindexter Jr., L'59**, recently received his high school diploma from the Public Schools of North Carolina as part of a program designed to recognize veterans who were unable to finish their high school education. Although he went on to earn an undergraduate degree and a law degree, Poindexter joined the Marines at age 17 during World War II and never graduated from high school. Now retired, Poindexter was a founding member of Poindexter, Schorsch, Jones and Hill in River City, Va.

**James C. Roberts, L'57**, has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is an attorney with Troutman Sanders.

## 1960s

**S.D. Roberts Moore, L'61**, a partner with the Roanoke, Va.,-based firm Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, has been named "Roanoke Personal Injury Litigator of the Year" for 2010 by *The Best Lawyers*

*In America*. He also has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer for 2009.

**The Hon. Buford M. Parsons Jr., R'58 and L'62**, is honorary vice president of the Richmond Bar Association.

**J. Edward Betts, L'65**, has been elected a member of the board of trustees of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. He is managing partner at Christian & Barton in Richmond.

**G. Andrew Nea Jr., L'66**, has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program. He was selected for pro bono service, and banking law and community bank development. He is with Williams Mullen.

**Irving M. Blank, L'67**, a personal injury attorney at Paris Blank in Richmond, is president-elect of the Virginia State Bar for the 2010–11 term. He also has been selected to receive the Richmond Jewish Community Federation's Distinguished Community Service Award.

**William L. Dudley Jr., L'68**, was elected chairman of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission. He was first appointed to the commission by the Virginia General Assembly in 1997, and previously served as president from 2000–03. He also is president of the Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators.

## 1970s

**James W. Hopper, L'72**, senior assistant attorney general, has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program for his service as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve during 2007–08. He was cited for work as section chief of the Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team Governance Section.

**The Hon. Norman deVere Morrison, L'73**, retired in June 2009, after 24 years as a General District Court Judge for the 26th Judicial District of Virginia.

**Olin R. Melchionna Jr., L'74**, was named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in trusts and estates.

**Mary Louise Kramer, L'75**, of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, has been named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* in workers' compensation law.

**Ben R. Lacy IV, L'75**, of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, has been named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* in government relations law.

**Glenn W. Pulley, R'73 and L'76**, of Clement & Wheatley in Danville, Va., has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program.

Celebrating their 50th reunion during Law Weekend were members of the class of '59: (from left) Tom Stark, Judge Alton Bryant, Judge Oliver Pollard, Judge Birg Sergeant, John Smart, and Judge Ed Turlington; also, Dave Faulders, Marshall House, and Trish Nunley, all L'84.





**Bruce C. Stockburger, L'76**, of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer for 2009 by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine.

**The Hon. Karen A. Henenberg, L'77**, of the Arlington, Va., General District Court, has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program.

**Burton F. Dodd, L'78**, a partner in the Atlanta office of Fisher & Phillips, was named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Margaret Foti, L'78**, was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey in July.

**Maj. Gen. Bruce E. Robinson, L'78**, published a novel, *Diversified Onyx*, and an autobiography, *Day Work to Duty*. A practicing attorney in South Hill, Va., he retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2007 after 37 years in the military.

**The Hon. Michael C. Allen, L'79**, is immediate past president of the John Marshall Inn of Court for 2009–10.

**Steven D. Benjamin, L'79**, was sworn in as second vice president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at its 51st annual meeting in Boston in August. He is an attorney at Benjamin & DesPortes in Richmond. A frequent lecturer on criminal justice, he also serves as special counsel to the Virginia Senate Courts of Justice Committee and the Virginia State Crime Commission.

**C. Thomas Ebel, L'79**, of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, has been named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

**James Meath, L'79**, accepted the Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC) outstanding law firm award for Williams Mullen.

**JoAnne Nolte, L'79**, of the Nolte Law Firm in Richmond, has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a mem-

ber of its "Leaders in the Law" program for client service and leadership in administrative and regulatory law.

## 1980s

**Stephen Baril, L'80**, was elected to the boards of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Venture Richmond. He is a partner and chair of the complex litigation practice group at Williams Mullen.

**Gregory F. Holland, L'80**, is president of the Richmond Bar Association for the 2009–10 term.

**Robert D. Seabolt, R'77 and L'80**, of Troutman Sanders in Richmond, has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program.

**Edward L. Weiner, L'80**, of Weiner Rohrstaff & Spivey in Fairfax, Va., has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program.

**Mary Commander, L'81**, has joined the executive committee of the Adoption Committee of the American Bar Association. She was selected again this year as a Virginia Super Lawyer in family law.

**Samuel Baronian, L'82**, is a partner at Cherry, Seymour, Hundley & Baronian in Richmond.

**Col. Jeffrey H. Curtis, L'82**, is chief of staff at Virginia Military Institute. He is responsible for coordinating the institute's primary staff officers and ensuring integration of all organizational and post operations, events, and issues.

**S. Vernon Priddy III, L'82**, of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, has been named the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* in appellate law.

**William Seymour, L'82**, is a partner at Cherry, Seymour, Hundley & Baronian in Richmond.

**R. Clinton Clary Jr., L'83**, an attorney with Slayton Blain & Clary in Lawrenceville, Va., has been recognized by the Virginia State Bar with a Circuit Award for his extraordinary contributions to the Virginia judicial system. The president of the Brunswick County, Va., Bar Association since 1987, he has taken court-appointed criminal defense cases with charges that range from misdemeanors to capital murder.

**Benjamin A.W. Emerson, R'73 and L'84**, has been named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* in municipal law.

**Kevin B. Rack, L'84**, has been named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* in trusts and estates. He also was named a Virginia Super Lawyer by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine. He is a principal of The Rack Law Firm in Virginia Beach.

**Kelly Bartges, L'85**, received the Community Partnership Award from Assisting Families of Inmates Inc. She is a clinical professor of law and the director of the Delinquency Clinic at the University of Richmond School of Law.

**Paul M. Black, L'85**, was named to the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* for work in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

**Matthew W. Broughton, L'85**, an attorney with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, was named a Virginia Super Lawyer in personal injury for 2009 by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine.

**Sharon A. Fitzgerald, L'85**, has established Fitzgerald, Parrett & Inch in Chesterfield, Va., with **Joshua Parrett, R'04 and L'07**, and **Charles L. Inch, L'07**. The firm focuses on criminal defense, as well as civil and domestic relations cases.

**William W. Helsley, L'85**, was named a Virginia Super Lawyer by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine.

**Pamela S. Belleman, W'83 and L'86**, an attorney at Troutman Sanders, was honored by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its inaugural class of Influential Women of Virginia. The pro-

gram recognizes outstanding women in fields including law, business, health care, education, and the arts.

**Jim Cosby, L'86**, is social committee chair of the John Marshall Inn of Court for 2009–10.

**Leisa K. Ciaffone, L'87**, is president of the Salem-Roanoke County Bar Association for 2009–10.

**Yvonne McGhee, L'87**, executive director of the Fairfax (Va.) Bar Association, received the President's Award from the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) at its annual meeting in Chicago. She was recognized for her work with the NABE Small Bar Conference, which she chaired for three years, and for her work on the NABE's board of directors.

**Thamer E. Temple III, L'87**, is president-elect of the Richmond Bar Association for the 2009–10 term.

**Stanley P. Wellman, L'87**, a partner at Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman in Richmond, is president of the Henrico County Bar Association.

**Debra J.C. Dowd, L'88**, an attorney at LeClairRyan, was honored by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its inaugural class of Influential Women of Virginia. The program recognizes outstanding women in fields including law, business, health care, education, and the arts.

**Annette Miller, L'88**, has been an attorney in the Petersburg, Va., public defender's office since 1995. She handles or assists in cases involving defendants with mental health issues.

**Barbara J. Balogh, L'89**, is secretary of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association for 2009–10.

**J. Robert Tyler III, B'84 and L'89**, has joined Poyner Spruill LLP as a partner in its Raleigh, N.C., office. He is a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation, a charter member of the Carolinas chapter of The Indus Entrepreneurs, and a member of the steering commit-

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Rigorous training



#### Timothy W. Dorsey, L'95

Navy Capt. Timothy W. Dorsey has endured countless physical and mental tests in his 47 years—first, as a fighter pilot flying F-14 Tomcats, and later during the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, as an intelligence officer interrogating prisoners.

Yet, nothing has come close to the grueling pace he kept in law school.

"I've been through Naval aviation training, survival training, and a dual degree program in college," he says with a laugh, "and nothing came close to the rigors of first-year law."

Dorsey, L'95, attended law school while training with the U.S. Navy Reserve, commuting to Virginia Beach one weekend a month. How did he pull off this juggling act? "A lot of coffee, and a loving and understanding wife," Dorsey explains.

It also helped to have the support of law professor John Paul Jones, whose background was similar to his own. Jones flew fighter jets under Dorsey's father, Vice Admiral James F. Dorsey Jr. And, like the younger Dorsey, he went from flying fighters to serving as a Navy intelligence reserve officer.

"He was one of my favorite professors," Dorsey says. Jones taught a constitutional law course that "challenged you in intellectual discussions about the constitution. He'd go well beyond the textbooks and make you think."

The rigorous training at UR came in handy in Iraq when Dorsey was assigned to a Navy mobile interrogation team conducting what he calls "tactical interrogations" of prisoners.

"Certainly some of the skills I learned at the Law School, and in my law firm [the Virginia Beach office of Williams Mullen] were used when interrogating Iraqi prisoners—the questioning skills and breaking down their answers into small parts. Essentially it's an advanced form of deposition."

Dorsey is quick to note that "we had none of those shenanigans" that occurred in interrogations at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq or Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. "Everything we did was in full accord with the Geneva Convention."

Today, Dorsey is still toggling between the civilian and military worlds. He is vice president and general counsel for USA Discounters Ltd., a Virginia Beach-based retailer of consumer goods, and he serves as commander of the Navy Intelligence Reserve Region in Washington, D.C., overseeing more than 800 intelligence professionals, preparing them for overseas deployment.

—Chip Jones



tee of the Council for Entrepreneurial Development's annual MedTech Conference.

## 1990s

**Andrew R. McRoberts, L'90**, is a member of the statewide team at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller. His practice focuses on land use issues.

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**Niall A. Paul, L'90**, was recognized by the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America* for work in labor and employment law. He also was ranked in 2009 *Chambers USA*, and was named a Super Lawyer in West Virginia in civil litigation defense, class actions/mass torts, and employment litigation defense law.

**Victor Narro, L'91**, is a co-author of the report *Broken Laws, Unprotected Workers*, that was published in September. The report is based on a survey of 4,387 workers in Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York that provided first-ever data on employment law violations affecting millions of workers. The full report is available at [www.unprotectedworkers.org](http://www.unprotectedworkers.org).

**Lisa Frisina Clement, L'92**, an attorney at PennStuart, was honored by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its inaugural class of Influential Women of Virginia. The program recognizes outstanding women in fields including law, business, health care, education, and the arts.

**Eric W. Hurlocker, R'87 and L'92**, is a partner at Hunton & Williams. He is a member of the firm's regulated industries practice and focuses on energy law, construction and engineering law, and commercial transactions.

**Ellen Kuo, L'92**, is a government-relations advocate for The Babcock & Wilcox Company in Washington, D.C.

**William R. Wagner, L'92**, is a partner in the New York City office of Pepper Hamilton. His practice focuses on complex international and domestic loan workouts, financial restructurings, and distressed investments.

**Alexander Francuzenko, L'93**, has joined Cook & Kitts, which is now Cook Kitts & Francuzenko. He represents clients in matters involving constitutional law, employment law, commercial disputes, and tort law.

**Alton L. Gwaltney III, L'93**, is co-chair of the litigation team at Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, N.C. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, class action and multi-district litigation, including ERISA and corporate fiduciary breach matters.

**Thomas E. Lacheney, L'93**, is the city attorney in Hopewell, Va.

**Anne D. McDougall, GB'93 and L'93**, is vice-president of the Richmond Bar Association for 2009–10.

**Yvette Stackhouse, L'93**, is managing attorney of the Winston-Salem, N.C., office of Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC). She manages all aspects of the LANC law practice in the Winston-Salem area and supervises a staff of 26.

**Anthony F. Vittone, R'90 and L'93**, is vice president and general counsel for SwimWays Corp. He and his wife live in Virginia Beach with their children Fauster, 11, and Kate, 8.

**Jay O. Millman, L'94**, is vice president of the John Marshall Inn of Court for 2009–10.

**John Carroll, L'95**, is the director of the new Intellectual Property Law and Transactional Clinic at the University of Richmond School of Law.

**John M. "Jay" Holloway III, L'95**, is an attorney at Winston & Strawn in Washington, D.C. His practice focuses

on environmental issues, energy matters, administrative law, and commercial transactions, particularly in the areas of energy, procurement, and construction contracting.

**Vincent J. Mangini, L'95**, has been certified a LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council. He is qualified to advise on the intricacies of obtaining LEED certification for building projects. He is with Stark & Stark's real estate, zoning, and land use group.

**The Hon. Richard Carter Patterson, L'95**, was appointed General District Court Judge for the 29th Judicial District. He lives in Tazewell, Va., with his wife, Amy, and two sons.

**Greg Webb, L'95**, an attorney with Michie Hamlett Lowry Rasmussen & Tweel, was named to the board of directors of Building a Bridge, a non-profit organization in Charlottesville, Va., that seeks to provide a family-like living environment for adults with traumatic brain injuries.

**Richard E. Garriott, R'91 and L'96**, of Clare, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott in Norfolk, Va., has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program for his service as an advocate for children and youth in the Hampton Roads, Va., area.

**Gregory J. Golden, L'96**, a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Baker Botts, has relocated to the United Arab Emirates as partner in the firm's new Abu Dhabi office. His wife, **Jennifer S. Golden, L'97**, also is an attorney in the firm's Abu Dhabi office.

**Audrey Swank and Richard Brindisi**, both **L'96**, welcomed a son, Dane Barack Brindisi, in February 2009. He joined brothers R. Chase, 11, J. Colgan, 8, and Declan, 2. Richard is a partner at 4731 Consulting in Detroit.

**Deborah Costello, L'97**, won the Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC) long-term service award. She began her service for LINC while in law school, helping to plan a conference for law-

yers. Since graduation, she has served as a pro bono lawyer, a board member, and a mentor for other lawyers interested in working with cancer patients.

**Brian Cummings, L'97**, is operations manager of the planning division for the Richmond Police Department. In September at the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners Conference in St. Louis, he was presented that group's Advanced Law Enforcement Planner certificate, the highest honor in the industry.

**Braxton Hill, L'97**, is program committee chair of the John Marshall Inn of Court for 2009–10.

**Tracy Thorne-Begland, L'98**, has been promoted to chief deputy commonwealth's attorney in Richmond. He had worked as a Richmond prosecutor for six years, specializing in aggravated assault and vehicular homicide.

**Katja H. Hill, L'98**, of LeClairRyan in Richmond, has been recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as a member of its "Leaders in the Law" program for her service raising food and funding for Virginia's food banks.

**Kristine M. Sims, L'98**, an attorney with Constangy, Brooks & Smith in Winston-Salem, N.C., was honored last May as one of the YWCA's Women of Vision in Winston-Salem.

**Tony H. Pham, L'99**, was named to *Style Weekly's* "Top 40 Under 40" list of young leaders in Richmond. Pham, who fled Vietnam with his family as a child, works in the Richmond City Attorney's office where he uses his language skills to help immigrants understand voting rights. He was awarded the Old Dominion Bar Association's presidential merit award.

**Charles K. Seyfarth, L'99**, has joined the Richmond office of LeClairRyan as a partner.

**Tracey Watkins, L'99**, chief of staff with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) in Washington, D.C., was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Award,

which recognizes a MSPB employee who has demonstrated distinguished leadership in support of the board's mission to protect the federal merit systems.

## 2000s

**Thomas C. Bunting, L'00**, has joined the Virginia Beach firm McKenry, Dancigers, Dawson and Lake.

**Justin N. Davis, L'01**, is an attorney with Guthrie, Davis, Henderson & Staton in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, Shelton, welcomed a son, Henry Neal Davis, on May 31, 2009. The couple also has a daughter, Avery.

**Vanessa L. Jones, L'01**, an attorney at Barnes & Diehl, is the president of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association for 2009–10.

**Jayne A. Pemberton, L'01**, is president-elect of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association for 2009–10.

**Matthew A. Taylor, L'01**, is an associate at Cherry, Seymour, Hundley & Baronian in Richmond. His wife, **Shannon Dion Taylor, L'01**, is assistant attorney general in the special prosecutions and organized crime section of the Virginia attorney general's office.

**Christopher Ryan DiFusco, L'02**, was promoted to divisional deputy city solicitor for the Philadelphia Law Department.

**Sarah Francisco, L'02**, is senior attorney of the National Parks and Forests Program at the Southern Environmental Law Center.

**Crystal Montague-Holland, L'02**, and her husband, Steele, welcomed a daughter, Taylor Loraine Holland, on May 27, 2009.

**Margaret Hoehl O'Shea, L'02**, is an assistant commonwealth attorney in Norfolk, Va. She and her husband, Jake, welcomed a son, Joshua Kimball O'Shea, on June 29, 2007. He joined sister Elizabeth Anne, 2.

**Amanda "Mandy" Beasley Tornabene, L'02**, and her husband, Billy, welcomed a daughter, Ana Sierra Lockhart Tornabene, on April 25, 2009.

**Douglas R. Burtch, L'03**, has joined Macaulay & Burtch in Richmond, where he is a part of the firm's growing base of labor and employment lawyers.

**Andrew Geyer, L'03**, received a Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference Service Award at the annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar. He was recognized for his service as chair of the Virginia chapter of Wills for Heroes, a pro bono partnership program of the state bar and the Virginia Bar Association that provides career firefighters, police officers, sheriff's deputies, and other emergency personnel with free wills and other end-of-life documents.

**Adam R. Kinsman, L'03**, and his wife, Laura, have two daughters, Kara and Kendall.

**Jennifer and Joseph K. Venghaus, both L'03**, are captains in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Jennifer returned recently from a 15-month deployment in Iraq. She was awarded the American Bar Association's Outstanding Military Service Lawyer Award. Joe is assigned to the Army Special Forces Command. Both are at Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Ben Barlow, L'04**, is chairman-elect of the board of directors of the Church of the Brethren.

**Michael Cooper, L'04**, of Spotts Fain, won the Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC) Krista Latshaw Pro Bono Award for his pro bono work for cancer patients.

**Joseph Harvey Council, L'04**, recently opened a firm in his hometown of Hillsborough, N.C. He limits his practice to civil litigation, family law, real estate, and wills, trusts and estates.

**Christopher M. Gill, L'04**, of Christian & Barton, has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design



Accredited Professional designation from the Green Building Certification Institute.

**Jason A. Botkins, L'05**, of Litten & Sipe, was named a Virginia Rising Star by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine.

**Dana A. Dews, L'05**, has been appointed a member of the Virginia College Fund board of directors. She is an associate at Christian & Barton.

**Whit Ellerman, L'05**, is an associate at Whitlow & Youell in Roanoke, Va. His practice focuses in the areas of commercial real estate, zoning and land use, environmental law, and real estate litigation.

**Sean Patrick Roche, L'05**, is an attorney at Cameron/McEvoy in Washington, D.C., where he specializes in complex business litigation.

**D. Cabell Vest, L'05**, has qualified for his Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional designation from the Green Building Certification Institute. He is with AquaLaw, PLC in Richmond.

**W. Everett Lupton, L'06**, married Joanna Gwynn in July 2009. The couple lives in Virginia Beach. A partner at Rutter Mills in Norfolk, Va., his practice focuses on personal injuries, including maritime and railroad injury litigation. He also is an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, where he teaches law to college juniors and seniors.

**Heather Lyons, L'06**, married **David Gardy, L'05**, on June 6, 2009, in Middleburg, Va. **The Hon. Lawrence L. Koontz, L'65**, of the Supreme Court of Virginia performed the ceremony.

**Denis P. Riva Jr., L'06**, is an associate at Bowman and Brooke in Richmond. His practice focuses on product liability, premises liability, and commercial litigation.

**Alan Smith, L'06**, and Hillary welcomed a daughter, Morgan Lee Smith, on Sept. 16, 2009. They live in Woodbridge, Va. Smith is an assistant Stafford County attorney.

**Ellis Bags, L'07**, an environmental lawyer at Hutton & Williams, finished 14th of 28 competitors in the 2009 Monopoly U.S. National Championship last April.

**John S. "Jack" Daniel, L'07**, practices criminal, civil, and forensic science litigation at Bowen, Champlin, Carr, Foreman & Rockecharlie in Richmond.

**Charles L. Inch, L'07**, and **Joshua Parrett, R'04** and **L'07**, have established Fitzgerald, Parrett & Inch in Chesterfield, Va., with **Sharon A. Fitzgerald, L'85**. The firm focuses mainly on criminal defense in the greater Richmond area, as well as handling some civil and domestic relations cases.

**Jamie N. Sasser, L'07**, is with Bucci & Dix in Richmond in its family law and domestic relations practice.

**Eileen R. Geller, L'08**, is an associate at the Richmond office of Bowman and Brooke.

**David E. Gluckman, L'08**, is an associate at the Richmond office of Bowman and Brooke.

**Mark W. Graybeal, L'08**, is an attorney with Pesner | Kawamoto | Conway, where he works in the areas of real estate, landlord/tenant, and wills and estates.

**Hunter W. Jamerson, L'08**, is with Bucci & Dix in Richmond in its family law and domestic relations practice.

**Brian A. Kirby, L'08**, practices civil litigation and creditor's rights law at David, Kamp & Frank in Newport News, Va.

**Steven Buckingham, L'06**, **Ashleigh Ward, L'08**, and **J. Buckley Warden, L'08**, are coaches for Furman University's mock trial teams, which placed fifth and sixth in its 24-team division at the National Championship Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, in April. Furman was one of nine programs to qualify two teams for the 48-team tournament, which had been narrowed down from 600 teams at the start of the competition.

**Nate Denny, Lauren Pozefsky** and **Doug Walker**, all **L'09**, have been employed with federal agencies through Presidential Management Fellowships. Denny will work for the General Services Administration, Pozefsky with Customs and Borders Protection, and Walker with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Josh Hanbury, L'09**, published his case comment, "A Beacon for the Protection of Seaman: The Eleventh Circuit Permits Punitive Damages for the Willful Withholding of Maintenance and Cure in *Atlantic Sounding Co. v. Townsend*," in the *University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal*. He assesses the broader implications of the case, in which the 11th Circuit adopted and affirmed a decision by **The Honorable Harvey Schlesinger, L'65**, senior judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Edward E. Lane, L'48**  
Aug. 19, 2009

**Kendall W. Paul, L'50**  
Aug. 3, 2009

**James Alvernon Smith Jr., L'50**  
June 7, 2009

**William M. Phillips, R'54**  
and **L'57**  
July 20, 2009

**The Hon. William Sampson Kerr, R'62** and **L'65**  
Dec. 29, 2008

**Richard D. Rogers Jr., L'69**  
May 16, 2009

**Sterling H. Moore, R'70** and **L'73**  
Aug. 24, 2009

**Ronald M. Maupin, L'78**  
Aug. 16, 2009

**Brenda Friend Briggs, L'79**  
June 10, 2009

**Robert N. Pollard III, L'87**  
Aug. 2, 2009

**James Gregory Planicka, R'88**  
and **L'94**  
July 12, 2009

**Bridget Leonard, L'05**  
Nov. 15, 2009

## War, religion and law

Oscar-winner Tim Robbins and The Actor's Gang brought *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine* to campus, raising questions about conflicts between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. (See story, page 4.)

